

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

"General Prayer has its place BUT Specific prayer has its power"

At The Top Of The World For Christ And His Church



CHRIST, THE LIGHT
OF THE WORLD

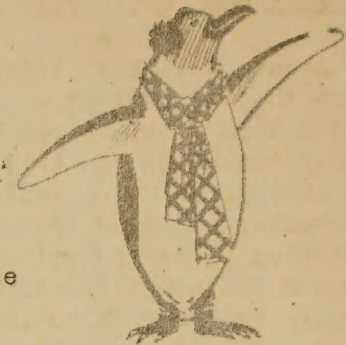
"And The Light shineth
in darkness and the
darkness did not over-
come it! John 1:5

"For Unto You Is Born This Day a
Saviour, Which Is Christ, The Lord."

Luke 2:9

GREETINGS!!!! from "The Top of The
World" at this Advent Season. We rejoice
with you as we again celebrate the birth
of our Lord Jesus Christ that Salvation
has come through Him - through His life,
death, and resurrection. May His presence
and power be your strength for His ser-
vice throughout the coming year.

Sincerely in Christ's Service,
John & Barbara Chamvers
Sara Lynn & Ann



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
BLESSED NEW YEAR

PROPOSED NEW MANSE
AT BARROW

There is a great need for expanded facilities here. The Sunday School is crowded at both sessions with four to six classes in each of the new and old church Sanctuaries. The present housing facilities are inadequate and cost very much to heat. To meet both of these needs a two apartment manse is being considered by the Board of National Missions and the Utkeagvik Presbyterian Church. This building will provide living quarters for the Seminary Student intern in a small apt. and the missionary - pastor in a larger one. It would also release the building where the native lay preacher, Samuel Simmonds and his ten children live for badly needed Sunday School space. His family would move into the old manse.

The problem facing the Board and the people of Barrow is how to finance this project which will cost \$25,000 to \$30,000. (Over 1/3 of this cost is transportation of materials from Seattle.) Pray with us that the funds will soon be
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SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK:
A GREAT BLESSING

The Rev. Roy Ahmaogak, our Presbyterian Missionary - Pastor from Wainwright, 100 miles Southwest of here, was with us from Nov. 1st. to 8th. He spoke to a congregation of at least 300 each evening. His messages, all in Inupiat, were a great inspiration to all who attended. There were about 55 who responded to the invitation to come forward at the close of the services. Three of these came to confess their faith in Christ as Saviour. The others came for spiritual help and encouragement. Often sins were confessed that had been heavy burdens for years. The Elders again were the personal workers to counsel, pray with, and encourage each one seeking help. They were then brought to their Pastor for an added word of encouragement and prayer which they appreciated very much.

Please PRAY for their continued victory and spiritual growth.

A Victory Club was formed to help those who want victory over the temptation to drink alcoholic liquors.
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SEMINARY STUDENT INTERN
RETURNING IN JANUARY

Fred Hauman, a Senior at Dubuque Theological Seminary, will be returning to Barrow at the end of this school term. He will have completed his theological training by that time. Under a special arrangement with the Board of National Missions his internship was interrupted to take this final term. He will stay here until early September 1960. He will be a big help with the youth and Sunday School. Pray for the Lord's blessing upon his studies and his return trip to Barrow.

MISSION BOARD SEEKS
ANOTHER INTERN

The Presbyterian Board of National Missions is seeking another seminary student to come to Barrow in June 1960 and stay until September 1961. PRAY with us that just the right man will be found to fill this important position.

WESTMINSTER FELLOWSHIP
GETS NEEDED PROJECT

This fall after many of the high school age youth left for school the Westminster Fellowship almost fell apart. Only three to six
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available so that work may
begin next summer.

THE ARCTIC MESSENGER III TIED DOWN UNTIL THE SUN RETURNS

About November 18th. we saw the sun for the last time this year. We now have only two hours of twilight each day. In the middle of November we tied down the Mission plane and will not use it again until late February or early March. March and April are usually the best flying months of the year.

The sun should be peeking over the horizon again soon after the middle of January.

THANKSGIVING FEAST SEES 750 at THE CHURCH

Each Thanksgiving and Christmas all church feasts are held. This year over 750 men, women and children crowded the main Sanctuary and the old sanctuary for Thanksgiving. On the menu WERE all the delicacies of the north: muktuk (frozen whale skin and fat); kuak (fresh frozen raw fish and caribou); stewed caribou and rice - plus coffee, tea, chocolate milk, and pilot (Cont. Col. 2)

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Spiritual Emp. Week: Cont.
This club meets with their pastor every Friday night.

Spontaneously groups of young people and young adults have been meeting nightly to sing and give testimonies on tape recordings. These are broadcast by oscillators to the village and sent to other villages. Prayer meeting at which time is given for the people attending to speak now lasts until 9:20 or 9:30pm because so many want to share verses of Scripture or tell of blessings in their lives.

PRAY that these sings of Spiritual deepening will continue and grow.

Thank you for faithfully remembering the meetings while they were being held.

Thanksgiving Feast: Cont. broad. Everyone brought what he could from home and there was more than enough food for all. The Deacons and the young people served the families as they sat together in the pews. the feast lasted from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m. with testimonies following. It is one of the highlights of each church year.

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were coming to the Thursday evening devotional and recreational meetings. Three weeks ago arrangements were made for this group to sing at the hospital each Thursday evening for the patients. Yesterday seventeen were present for singing at the hospital and the program which followed.

PRAY that keen interest will continue and that these young people will grow in the Lord through this program.

WEATHER REPORT

Temperature: - 35°
Wind: Southwest 10 mph.
Sky clear.
Sun Rise: none
Sunset: none

SAMUEL SIMMONDS - NEW
PREACHING RESPONSIBILITY
Samuel, the lay preacher, is an unusually gifted speaker in his own language. Because of this and his keen understanding of the spiritual needs of his people he will have the entire Sunday evening message at least once a month. He now conducts an all Inupiat service Sunday morning and interpretes for Mr. Chambers the other Sunday evenings.

PRAY for him in this new privilege and responsibility.

From:

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